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Applicant : Gauthier, Forrest P.
Serial No. : 10/707,955
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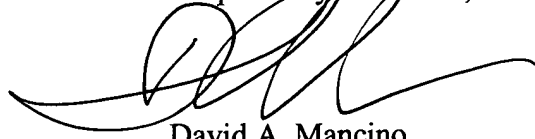
Pursuant to a patent infringement suit (Civil No. C-1-99-336) filed on May 25, 1999, by Varis Corporation against Scitex Digital Printing, Inc., Applicant became aware of allegations of

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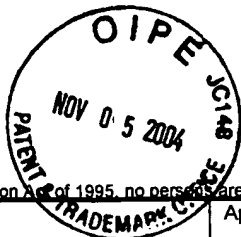
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invalidity of United States Patent No. 5,729,665 (hereinafter the '665 patent). United States Patent Application No. 09/373,582, which issued as the '665 patent, is the parent application of the above-referenced pending application. The allegations were made during the discovery of the aforementioned suit, and Applicant believed at the time and continues to believe that the allegations proffered by Scitex's trial counsel are completely without merit. However, to remove any influence that Applicant is not fully meeting its duty of candor to the Office, Applicant is disclosing the following information, even though it is firmly believed that the disclosure of such has no bearing upon the patentability of the present pending matter.

As an update, Varis Corporation was the assignee of the '665 patent at the initiation of the relevant suit. Thereafter, the intellectual property assets of Varis Corporation were sold to the current assignee of the above-referenced pending application, Tesson, Ltd.

List of Allegations

Allegation of On-Sale Bar

Scitex's trial counsel alleged in his July 28, 1999, Answer to Complaint, that the '665 patent was invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In response to Scitex's Answer to Complaint, Varis Corporation's trial counsel requested Scitex answer a First Set of Interrogatories, dated September 1, 1999, of which no less than three interrogatories were directed to determining the aforementioned allegation of invalidity. On December 6, 1999, Scitex's counsel submitted a Response to the First Set of Interrogatories by

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alleging that the '665 patent was invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being invalid based upon public use and/or on sale activity by Applicant, without any further specification. Varis Corporation's counsel sent Scitex's counsel a Second Set of Interrogatories on January 12, 2000, that were directed solely to the invalidity claims. The Second Set of Interrogatories went unanswered by Scitex's counsel according to the records provided to Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Allegation of Anticipation or Obviousness

Scitex's trial counsel also alleged that the '665 patent was invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 102, 103 as being invalid based upon Scitex's "DijiComp" products and Monarch Marking Systems, Inc.'s label printing products that were publicly known before January 18, 1994.

In response to Scitex's Answer to the Complaint, Varis Corporation's trial counsel requested Scitex answer a First Set of Interrogatories, dated September 1, 1999, of which no less than three interrogatories were directed to determining the aforementioned allegation of invalidity. On December 6, 1999, Scitex's counsel submitted a Response to the First Set of Interrogatories by indicating that the '665 patent was invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being invalid based upon anticipation or obviousness, without any further specification. Varis Corporation's counsel sent Scitex's counsel a Second Set of Interrogatories on January 12, 2000, which were directed solely to the invalidity claims. The Second Set of Interrogatories went unanswered by Scitex's counsel according to the records provided to Applicant's undersigned counsel.

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As an additional note, Scitex's counsel subpoenaed Monarch Marking Systems, Inc., on November 11, 1999, to produce and permit inspection and copying of documents or objects pertaining to: (1) the model 9490 Renegade printer; (2) the model 9446 printer; (3) the MPCL printer control language; (4) any printer or documents related to a printer capable of inserting variable data records of fields into a template of fixed data; and (5) documents related to saving a bitmap of a template print job. No information pertaining to the validity of the '665 patent appears from the record to ever have been produced or, if produced, was never made available to Varis Corporation or its counsel

Allegation of Written Description or Distinctly Claiming Failure

Scitex's trial counsel alleged that the '665 patent was invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being invalid based upon failing to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶¶ 1 and/or 2.

In response to Scitex's Answer to Complaint, Varis Corporation's trial counsel did not request from Scitex more detailed information regarding the § 112 issues as the allegations were on their face clearly without merit.

Conclusion of the Suit

On February 13, 2002, Chief Judge Walter Herbert Rice of the United States District Court of the Southern District of Ohio issued a judgment dismissing Varis Corporation's

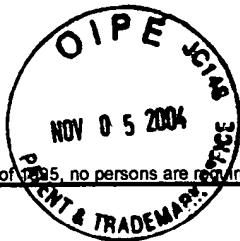
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complaint with prejudice for failure to prosecute its claims against Scitex Digital Printing, Inc. Judge Rice also refused to grant Scitex's default-judgment motion to declare the '665 patent invalid since Scitex did not present any evidence to the court supporting such allegations. (J.p.8).

Current Submission

Applicant is submitting two United States Patents assigned to Monarch Marking Systems, Inc., namely, U. S. Patents number 5,483,624 and 5,544,287. Said patents were found by the undersigned by performing an online search for patents related to Monarch Marking System's label printing products referenced by Scitex in the Varis v. Scitex lawsuit. Applicant respectfully submits that the two patents listed are not material to the patentability of the above-referenced application, nor are they material to the patentability of the '665 patent. Applicant submits that the references are being cited in a preemptive fashion so as to avoid any appearance of impropriety in procuring a patent from the above-referenced application.

It is to be understood that the present disclosure of art is in no way intended to be a waiver of any arguments or defenses available to the Applicant under the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the statutes of the United States.



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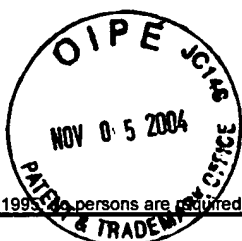
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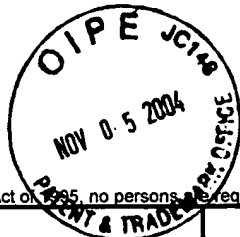
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